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Church Finance Program Drafted

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A church finance program to help local Southern Baptist churches increase their budgets to meet needs for funds is nearing reality, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee has learned.

Merrill D. Moore, the Committee's director of promotion, outlined the plans for the program, which will be carried out at state convention and associational level.

The church finance program, something new in Southern Baptist life, will "provide necessary help for every Southern Baptist church in raising a worthy budget for local expenses, building fund, and missions," Moore declared.

"The program will use methods which have proved themselves when used by other churches, denominations, and by professional fund raising groups," he continued.

Distinctively Baptist

"At the same time, the church finance program will be distinctively Southern Baptist," according to Moore. "It will utilize the peculiar facilities, organizations, and programs which Southern Baptists have."

The program, he said, will make use of the Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Training Union, and Brotherhood. A uniform program, it can be used in all areas of the Convention and by churches large and small.

The church finance program will largely use volunteer workers rather than professional leaders. A scriptural plan, it will be based on Christian stewardship with the title as a minimum, Moore continued.

The church finance program will come to local associations and churches through their state conventions. State secretaries, directors of promotion, and other state leaders will attend a church finance clinic in Nashville, Tenn., where the Executive Committee has offices.

Printed Materials

The state leaders will then hold clinics for associations and churches in the various

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State Board Approves Record Mission Budget

Convention Board Holds Annual Business Session



Dr. W. C. Fields, Yazoo City, (center), presides over the annual business meeting of the State Convention Board held Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Baptist Building here. On the left is Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, and on the right is Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, recording secretary of the Board.

Hooper And Hudgins Chosen To Head SBC Exec. Committee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Federal Judge Frank Hooper, of Atlanta, Ga., is the new president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Judge Hooper was elected by the Committee during its meeting at the Baptist Sunday School Board Building here. He succeeds C. C. Warren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Warren, since he became president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was ineligible for re-election.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was elected vice-president of the Committee. G. Allen West, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church here, is recording secretary.

The Committee re-elected its staff members of the Commit-

tee's local offices. Porter Routh will continue as executive secretary and treasurer. Associate secretaries are Albert McClellan, director of publication, and Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion.

By amending its bylaws, the Committee imposed a restriction on the length of term a Committee president may serve. Previously, there was no restriction. In the future, no Executive Committee president may serve more than two consecutive one-year terms.

The Committee also voted to make a study of its bylaws with special attention given to whether standing committees of the agency should be allowed to elect their own chairman. Customarily, the president designates a chairman when he names a committee.

Over \$1 Million Given In August

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) Southern Baptists have again demonstrated their interest in missionary work around the world.

They showed it by doing something they'd never done before — by contributing more than \$1 million to denominational-wide work of the Southern Baptist Convention during the month of August thru the Cooperative Program and from designated gifts for August, 1955, amounted to \$1,161,509. Of that, \$1,011,631 was through the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is the financial plan Southern Baptists use to support missionaries in the United States and overseas and to finance their

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A Cooperative Program budget of \$1,675,000 for 1955-56 will be recommended to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November as a result of the action taken by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in its annual business meeting Monday and Tuesday at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

This objective is \$165,000 higher than the budget of \$1,510,000 for this year, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Next year's proposed budget breakdown is somewhat different from those of past years in that there is no initial appropriation and the overall budget contains three Divisions instead of four this year.

Division One, totaling \$752,500, is for state causes, as follows: Christian education (four colleges and a school of nursing), \$320,000; state missions, \$236,000; Baptist Orphanage, \$25,000; Ministerial education, \$25,000; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$25,000; Mississippi (Continued on Page 2)

Baptist Record To Feature C-D Night Next Week

Next week's issue of the Baptist Record will feature Church and Denomination Night, with the list of churches, by associations that have been committed to participate, carried in the issue.

Two associations have already reported 100 per cent enlistment with others expected before the deadline for mailing lists.

Church and Denomination Night is a one night stewardship conference scheduled to be held in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention during September or October.

Churches began to participate early in September and many have already observed the night.

Along with the full list of participating churches the Record will also carry the picture of the stewardship Chairman in every association that is 100 per cent enlisted.



COMMITTEE OFFICERS — New officers of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee are, from left, G. Allen West, recording secretary; Judge Frank Hooper, president; and W. Douglas Hudgins, right, vice-president. Second from right is Porter Routh, re-elected as the Committee's executive secretary and treasurer.—Baptist Press

State Board . . .

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Baptist Foundation, \$17,000; Baptist Hospital, Memphis, \$10,000.

Division Two, totaling \$619,700, is for Southern Baptist Convention causes and includes all 20 causes supported by the Convention beyond the state.

Division Three, totaling \$302,800 is for the capital needs of the institution, as follows: Mississippi College, Clarke College, Blue Mountain College and William Carey College, \$200,000, to be allocated by Education Commission; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$30,000; state assembly on Gulf Coast, \$25,000, and Baptist Hospital Memphis, \$10,000.

A total allocation of \$210,000, for administration, promotion, evangelism, Retirement Plans and W. M. U. administration will be allocated from the above Divisions, as follows: One, \$94,500; Two, \$77,700 and Three, \$37,800.

Each division will share each month in the offerings. In previous years the capital needs budget was not paid until after the other divisions had been met.

Presiding over the Board of 75 men, one from each Association in the state, was Dr. W. C. Fields, pastor First Church, Yazoo City.

Vice-President is Jack Stuart, Morton layman, with Rev. Gordon Sansing, pastor Broadmoor Church, Jackson, secretary.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel through which Mississippi and Southern Baptists support their mission program. Designated contributions are in addition to Cooperative Program funds.

The one new item in this year's budget is an amount of \$25,000 for capital needs at the Convention's new assembly on

the Gulf Coast:

All funds given next year above the budget will go one-half to Southern Baptist Convention causes and one-half to state missions.

The Board adopted a recommendation of the Education Commission calling for the raising of \$2,500,000 over a period of five years for the cause of Christian education among Mississippi Baptists.

\$2,160,000 of the above amount would go to the four colleges of the denomination for immediate capital needs. The remainder would go for student centers at several state-supported colleges and the new state assembly on the Gulf Coast.

Under the proposal one half of the \$2,500,000 would be given through capital needs division of the Cooperative Program over a period of 5 years with the other half to be contributed by a selected group of 3,000 individual Baptists in the state over and above their usual church contributions.

The Education Commission was selected to implement the raising of the one-half from individuals. The immediate needs as listed for the schools is as follows:

Mississippi College: Library, Fine Arts building, girls' gym and a dormitory.

Blue Mountain College: Library, gym, dining hall, infirmary and improved dormitory space.

William Carey College: Library, classrooms, gym and dormitory space.

Clarke College: Boys' dormitory, additional gym, administration building, music building, infirmary and drives.

The above proposal will be recommended to the Convention in November.

In other action the Board re-elected all employed personnel,

set all department budgets and made all allocations for the coming year.

A state mission budget of \$286,310 was adopted. This compared with this year's budget of \$252,320.

The Board adopted a motion requesting the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, under direction of Dr. Orrin Cornett, to return to Mississippi and make another survey of the colleges to ascertain what steps had been taken by them to carry out the suggestions made by the Commission in its previous survey, and report to the Convention Board.

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Church Council Plans Youth Meets

Pastors and youth leaders from all Baptist, Christian, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches of the state are joining this fall in a series of Youth Workshops on the Alcohol Problem, to be held on six of the state junior college campuses during October and November, and sponsored by the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education.

Each pastor is asked to plan to attend, bringing with him the president and program chairman (or Chairman of Christian Citizenship where there is one) of his church youth group (or any two youth concerned with the problem), and an adult teacher or counselor with youth. Officers and members of all denominational student organizations, with their adult advisers, are also urged to attend. Each person attending is asked to bring sandwiches with him for a picnic supper with the group. Cold drinks will be sold on the campus.

The dates and places (probably from 3-8:30 p. m.) for the Workshops are:

October 6, East Mississippi Junior College, Scooba; October 13, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson; October 20, Itawamba Junior College, Fulton; October 27, Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead; November 3, Hinds Junior College, Raymond; November 10, Perkinson Junior College, Perkinson.

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Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 5 — Eucl H. Belcher of Alabama will serve on the Blue Mountain College faculty this session. He will teach organ and public school music. Mr. Belcher holds the degree of Bachelor of Music from Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Master of Arts degree from Indiana University. He succeeds Miss Jane Slaughter.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



Shown above is a group of students and workers at the Vacation Bible School recently held at Bethsaida Church in Montgomery County. The enrollment was 71, with an average attendance of 65. The mission offering amounted to \$9.38. Mrs. Pauline Gibson was the principal. Rev. Jesse McMillan is the pastor.

Church Finance . . .

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states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Moore said the Executive Committee will provide material for churches to aid them in church financing. The material will include a guidebook, containing detailed instructions for raising funds to meet the church budget.

"The new program will not abolish present methods for encouraging stewardship. It will make use of all of these methods and then include new steps," Moore said.

Further details for the church finance program will be worked out at a meeting in Nashville in December with a clinic for state convention leaders to be held next June.

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Over \$1 Million . . .

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educational and promotional work as well.

The figure announced by Routh does not include funds kept for use by Baptist groups in the 30 states and territories where Southern Baptists have affiliated churches. If these funds were also included, the figure would be far greater.

So far this year, Southern Baptists have given 14,012,479 to denomination-wide work. This is almost 7 per cent more than the \$13,104,856, through August, 1954.

Mississippi gave \$60,609 during August, of which \$56,126 was through the Cooperative Program and \$4,482 through designated offerings. This placed Mississippi in 7th place among states in the Convention.

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The Baptist Record appreciates the receipt of a copy of two pamphlets by W. W. Reeves of Clinton. One is entitled, "Have You Been Misled by Man's Interpretation of God's Grace?" The other is entitled "The Saviour's Last Message to the Churches." Mr. Reeves states that distribution of these pamphlets and his book, "The Only Way," is a faith work and

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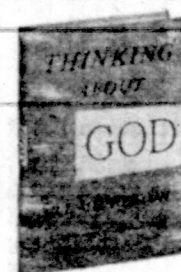
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The mid-century tide of interest in religion—sweeping America ever since World War II—appears to have reached new flood heights:

More Americans than ever before in history—better than six out of every ten persons—are church members. Americans are donating more money to religious enterprises than ever before. Churches are staffed by the greatest number of ministers in history and there are more new churches than ever—with construction figures breaking all records.

See article on page one in last week's issue entitled "Church Membership at New Record."

The new grand total of American church members in all faiths is 97,482,611—up 2,639,766 from a year ago for a record breaking 60.3 per cent of the population, a figure which compares with 49 per cent in 1940 and a mere 16 per cent a hundred years ago. The percentage rise for the year is 2.8 as against a population rise of 1.7.

Church membership figures by faiths show there are 57,000,000 Protestants; 32,000,000 Roman Catholics and 5,500,000 members of the Jewish faith.

Sunday Schools are overflowing with a new total of 37,623,530 students and teachers—up 2,234,064 over last year's previous high for a phenomenal 6.3 per cent increase.

The year also chalked up a close to two per cent rise in new church congregations for a total of 300,056—an increase of 5,597 and reached a new high—213,167—in the number of clergymen in active charge of local churches. Last year this figure was 207,618. (There are doubtless more for only 219 of the 268 religious bodies reporting in the survey gave figures on clergymen.)

To accommodate new throngs of worshippers new churches are also going up at a record breaking pace. The 1954 construction figure of \$388,000,000 passing the half billion mark for the first time, is up 25 per cent over the previous high year of 1953.

Americans are also providing more financial support for their churches than ever before—at a rate three times greater than membership increases. In Protestant and Orthodox churches alone, contributions totaled \$1,537,132,309 for a per capita average of \$45.36 over the year, a rate of giving increase of 8.5 per cent over the previous year.

Other religious bodies do not make stewardship figures available, but estimates indicate a total for all faiths exceeding two billion dollars annually.

The relative strength of Protestant and Roman Catholic churches have remained virtually the same since the beginning of the century and before. Since 1940 the Protestants have increased by 20,000,000 while the Roman Catholics have increased by 11,000,000. In 1954, 35.5 per cent of the population were Protestant; 20 per cent were Roman Catholic. In 1940 the percentages were 28.7 Protestant, 16.1 Roman Catholic.

Of the 57,000,000 Protestants in



DANGER—Mental Poison

the country, the survey shows the vast majority—about 85 per cent—are on the rolls of nine general denominational families. The nine are: Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ and Christ Unity Science.

Season of Prayer For State Missions

With the coming of Fall special emphasis is being given to State Missions.

The W.M.U. will observe its annual Season of Prayer and special offering for State Missions on Monday and Tuesday of next week and the annual offering for State Missions will be received on Sunday, Oct. 23 in the Sunday Schools and churches.

State Missions is basic to our total mission program and our women are urged to be generous in their offerings next week.

The success and progress of our entire home and foreign mission program is dependent in large measure to our home base, which is State Missions.

Our W.M.U. is to be congratulated on its concern and efforts in the area of state mission.

There are 28 causes in this year's State Mission Budget and the need is great.

To The Five Percenters

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record was an article that was quite embarrassing to a certain class of folks. Since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary we have heard, even some so-called Baptist preachers, various people at associations and other gatherings shout with great glee and what seemed knowledge that most of our mission money was used for expenses.

A few years ago at one of our associations a man who was the pastor of two or three small churches made a bitter attack on our Cooperative Program. In addition to several other unsupported statements he declared that only five cent of our mission money ever got to the mission fields.

Last week's issue of the Record

carried a statement from the Foreign Mission Board that should at least cause these carping critics to feel small indeed. That is if they have any regard for the truth.

This report showed that 94.23 per cent of our mission money went directly to the mission fields. That leaves slightly more than five per cent for all other expenses. In other words these critics are exactly 89.23 per cent wrong. If they miss the mission mark by 89.23 per cent or if, as the figures show, the mission work receives 19 times as much as they say, perhaps their other critical statements may also be just as erroneous.

"Our Readers Write" column is open for any of them to confess their sin. But we anticipate no rush in that direction.

We do want to congratulate our Foreign Mission Board for the superb job they are doing with our mission money and with our missionaries.

The \$64,000 Question

One of the most interesting programs over TV at the present time is known as "The \$64,000 Question." People answer a series of questions and win as much as \$64,000. That is a lot of money in any language.

Recently a great Christian woman of Pennsylvania by the name of Mrs. Catherine Kreitzer, answered a series of questions that entitled her to \$32,000. An Italian has done likewise and a 12 year-old Negro girl has won \$16,000.

Evidently Mrs. Kreitzer was a good Bible student and had done much Bible reading and much Bible study, for she answered questions that would have balked many preachers.

When she had built her winnings to \$32,000 she declined to try for the next question, which would have then entitled her to \$64,000. We are not questioning the wisdom or folly of her decision.

But we do know of a much more important question. Even though \$32,000 sounds large, eternal salvation is larger. \$32,000 will buy a many things and provide much in the way of pleasure, as well as luxury. But it pales into insignificance beside salvation. We think of that question in Hebrews 2:3 which

reads, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" People have answered many of the questions on the \$64,000 program, but nobody has answered that one.

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A Good Idea From N. C.

From the Biblical Record, North Carolina state paper, we learned that one of the associations voted to send the Biblical Recorder to each of the public high schools in that county. The papers are to be placed in the libraries of the schools.

The schools were visited and the authorities in each case stated that they would be very glad to have the Recorder.

May we suggest that this is a good idea for the associations in Mississippi. It would cost only a few dollars for each county, but it would certainly be helpful in many ways.

Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I should like to commend to the brethren Rev. Carlos Gruber, an evangelistic singer and an accomplished violinist who now lives at 2919 West Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Brother Carlos has led the singing for many of our fine pastors in Mississippi. He is a Latvian by birth but immigrated to Brazil at the beginning of the Communist Revolution in Russia some years ago. He was discovered in Brazil by the late Dr. Lee Scarborough and invited to Southwestern Seminary where he received his Master's Degree. For some time he was connected with the Florida Baptist Convention as State Evangelist, but in recent years has been going wherever the Lord leads. He is an accomplished violinist, an excellent soloist and has a way of getting people to sing.

Sincerely,

J. R. Davis

First Baptist Church
Columbia

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

Gulfport Church Holds Retreat At Kittiwake

By Dr. JOE T. ODLE

More than fifty young people and leaders from the First Church, Gulfport, recently held a pre-revival retreat at Camp Kittiwake, the new Assembly grounds.

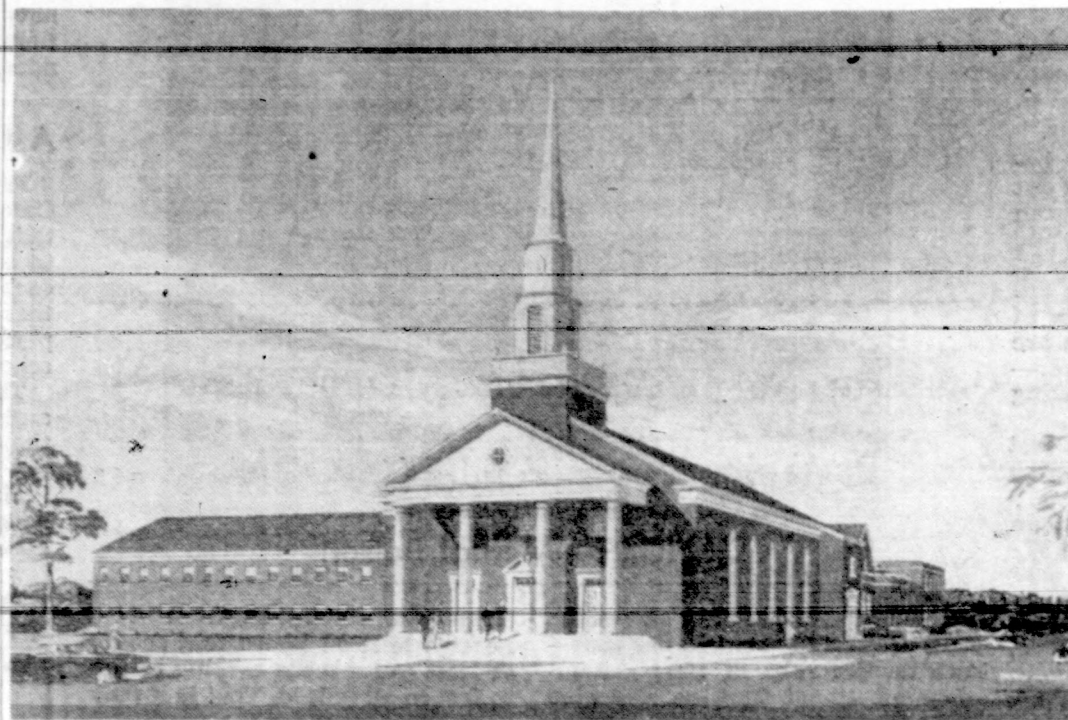
Since the assembly has not yet been taken over by Mississippi Baptists the camp was under direction of the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, who are members of First Church, Gulfport.

One of the highest hours of the meeting was an inspiring service held on the pier out over the waters of the Gulf. Here under the stars hearts were stilled as soft music came from a quartet. Then a trumpet began to play far out in the Gulf, and the notes of "Fairest Lord Jesus" reached the shore. Then a torch began to burn revealing a boat moving slowly toward the pier. As it came nearer a lovely voice began to sing, and then as the boat was anchored a speaker brought a message about the Saviour's call.

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Kennedy Memorial Ordains Deacons

Kennedy Memorial Church in Perry County recently ordained three deacons: Luther Garner, John Yance, and G. F. Mixon,



First Church, Crystal Springs voted to begin construction on the new auditorium immediately. The building (shown above) will be of Colonial style and will be air conditioned. The main floor of the auditorium will seat approximately 725

with the total capacity being approximately 1075, including the balcony and choir.

In addition to the construction of the new auditorium the old auditorium building will be remodeled and redecorated. The total contract price of the

above construction and remodeling will be \$221,547. This does not include architect fees and cost of furnishings. The educational building on the left will not be constructed at the present time.

Jr.

The pastor, Rev. H. A. Gay, gave the charge to the church; Rev. Dan Holcomb, pastor of

the Bethel Church, Perry Co., gave the charge to the deacons; and Rev. W. J. Mahaffey, pastor of the Harrisville Church, led

the ordination prayer.

A pastorium has been moved onto the church grounds and the pastor is now living in it.

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. C. A. Manning, Gulfport

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

II. By Mrs. George Roberts, Jayess

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, son and Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:18)

III. By Mrs. Mack Myers, Jackson

"She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." (Proverbs 3:15)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

IV. By Mrs. V. A. Clarkson, Jackson

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thy knoweth not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

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Under the direction of Earl Clark, Associational Director of Hinds Association, and Tom Chaney, Superintendent of Missions of Hinds Association, a Central Leadership School has been planned. The school will be held at Calvary Baptist Church each night at 7:30 p. m. during the week of September 19-23.

Classes are scheduled for every age group, with special classes for Junior and Intermediate leaders and Nursery, Beginner, Primary leaders. Interested leaders from associations all over the state are urged to attend.

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Mrs. Walter Nash, Chattanooga, Tenn. ... Nursery Leaders
Miss Nora Padgett, Training Union Dept., Nashville ... Beginner Leaders
Miss Evelyn George, First Baptist Church, Jackson ... Primary Leaders
Miss B. J. Frew, Jackson ... Intermediate
Miss Lois Tyler, Parkway Church, Jackson ... Juniors
Miss Britt of Jackson ... Primaries
(Host church will provide nursery facilities)

LAST CALL FOR YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

We list below all churches which have observed and REPORTED Youth Week (1) in order to recognize those who have and (2) in order to encourage those who have not to send us a report immediately. Mail it to Box 530, Jackson.

ALCORN	Crystal Springs
South Corinth	Bethel
Shiloh	Strong Hope
ATTALA	Wesson
Kosciusko, First	New Zion
Williamsville	COVINGTON
McCool	Salem
BOLIVAR	GULF COAST
Pace	Broadmoor, Gulfport
Cleveland, First	GRENADA
Yale Street, Cleveland	Immanuel, Grenada
CALHOUN	HINDS
Calhoun City, First	Parkway
New Liberty	New Haven
Derma	Magnolia Park
CHICKASAW	Southside
Amity	Edwards
CHOCTAW	Broadmoor
Concord	HOLMES
CLAY	Lexington
West Point, First	Durant
West End	Goodman
CLARKE	Beulah
West Enterprise	HUMPHREY
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	Bay Springs
	Shady Grove
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September 11, 1955

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Jackson, Calvary	1504	515
Raymond	193	149
Byram	234	166
Jackson, Northside	711	239
Jackson, Southside	322	194
Laurel, First	603	152
Clarksdale	457	158
Hattiesburg		
Main Street	1047	501
Mission	12	
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	554	146
Jackson, West	363	158
Jackson, Crestwood	700	450
Jackson, Highland	92	69
Jackson, Broadmoor	534	231
Richland (Rankin)	238	84
Mt. Creek (Rankin)	61	54
Flowood	92	74
Jackson, Alta Woods	642	284
Kreole, First	107	42
Jackson, Calvary		
Mission	51	28
Jackson		
Daniel Memorial	788	345
Jackson		
Van Winkle	643	303
D'Lo	92	55
Morton	290	102
Jackson, Ridgecrest	408	153
Friendship (Jackson)	91	81
Gulfport		
Grace Memorial	246	68
Grenada, Emmanuel	276	113
Hattiesburg, Temple	568	174
Brookhaven		
Hamilton St.	141	65
Union, First	343	138
Ruleville	321	165
Cleveland, First	469	132
Main	431	
Chinese Mission		
Newton, First	486	233
Petal-Harvey	388	188
Main	340	168
Harvey	31	
Richton Road	17	20
Murphy Creek		
(Winston)	156	137
Purvis, First	290	86
Picayune, First	591	163
Grenada, First	725	152
Ripley, First	335	118
Bethel (Rankin)	47	40
McComb, Locust St.	124	77
Cross Roads (Rankin)	56	39
Bethlehem (Jones)	195	140
Laurel, Highland	273	165
Brookhaven		
Pearlhaven	150	73
Myrick (Beulah)		
Glade		
KEMPER		
Dekalb		
LAUDERDALE		
15th Avenue, Meridian		
Meridian, First		
Southside, Meridian		
LEBANON		
Hattiesburg, First		
McLaurin		
LEE		
Calvary, Tupelo		
LOWNDES		
Central, Columbus		
Mayhew		
LEFLORE		
Phillipton		
LINCOLN		
Central, Brookhaven		
Moak's Creek		
Macedonia		

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Lucedale	467	170
Meridian, Eastview	240	136
Crowder	180	132
Darling	104	75
Fair River (Lincoln)	110	79
Glenfield (Union Co.)	99	104
New Prospect (Desoto)	86	87
Columbia, First	782	285
Main	700	235
South Columbia		
Mission	82	50
West Point, Calvary	279	160
Gillsburg	194	113
Long Beach, First	228	72
Kosciusko, First	719	203
Main	724	25
Horn Lake	192	99
Longview (Oktibbeha)	70	71
Gulfport, First	928	268
Stonewall	217	99
Cleveland, Immanuel	213	137
Pascagoula, First	838	318
Main	726	216
McArthur Chapel	44	40
Orange Grove		
Chapel	68	62
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	38	43
Briar Hill (Rankin)	85	57
Gulfport, New Hope	182	41
Moss Point, East	288	145
Pleasant Ridge		
(Holmes)	62	77
New Albany, First	743	204
Main	670	150
North Side Mission	73	54
Calhoun City, First	364	141
Laurel, Wildwood	229	87
Canton		
Center Terrace	303	152
Brookhaven, First	881	280
Main	724	194
Southway	113	59
Halbert Heights	44	27
Bethlehem (Choctaw)	26	24
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	228	146
Sharon, First (Jones)	162	93
Hurricane Creek		
(Marion)	114	106
Concord (Choctaw)	106	80
Soso, First	177	104
Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	150	115
Vicksburg, First	646	203
Marks, First	273	97
New Sight (Lincoln)	143	73
Friendship (Lincoln)	183	107
Crystal Springs, First	641	208
Aberdeen, First	368	95
Starkville, First	732	312
Oxford, North	216	102
Brookhaven, Central	108	68
Bluff Springs (Pike)	95	68
Gillsburg	194	113
Calvary (Alcorn)	91	57
Corinth, Tate St.	264	91
Union (Walthall)	156	122
Batesville, First	497	174
Brownsville, Beulah	90	66
Bruce	281	129

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Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	79	64
Clarksdale, Riverside	213	72
Fair River (Lincoln)	99	73
Murphy Creek		

Bruce Church Calls Rev Clyde C. Rogers



Rev. Clyde C. Rogers

First Church, Bruce on Sunday, August 28 called Rev. Clyde C. Rogers, Osyka, to the full-time pastorate of the church.

Mr. Rogers is a native of Birmingham, Ala.; graduate of Howard College and the New Orleans Theological Seminary. He married the former Doris Mitchell of Birmingham. They have two children.

He has served pastorates in Birmingham; New Orleans; Coffeeville, Ala.; and Osyka.

(Winston)	154	137
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	82	70
New Sight (Lincoln)	104	49
Charleston, First	397	154
Cross Roads (Rankin)	65	52
Calhoun City, First	335	158
Bethel (Rankin)	44	29
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	176	107
Ruth	54	
Gillsburg	196	123
Cleveland, First	394	93
Seminary, Union, Sr.	116	93
Yazoo City, First	535	185
Soso, First	179	109
Canton		
Center Terrace	252	139
Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	126	90
Eupora, First	259	78
Booneville, First	325	99
West Point, Calvary	265	158
Brookhaven, Central	96	61
Gulfport		
Grace Memorial	225	61
Wheeler Grove		
(Alcorn)	126	123
Glenfield (Union Co.)	136	124

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**MALACHI CALLS FOR
RIGHTEOUS LIVING**

Bible text: Malachi

MALACHI

The name means "My messenger". We know nothing of a man who bore this name, aside from this brief book. To the question, "Who was Malachi?" Devout and scholarly men have answered, "God's messenger." So his vocation gave this prophet this name, as has been true in numberless cases in English, as turner, gardener, carpenter.

The need of a messenger from God was at this time very great. It was about the year 400 B. C., and God's declaration to his people was, "I have no pleasure in you." (Malachi 1-10). The condition into which Malachi, whether a man who bore this name or simply this anonymous message from God, came was a bad condition.

In the face of this condition the significant thing is that God spoke. He has never failed to do this, the wicked drift of his people who are called by his name brings them near the brink of disaster, and, hark! God speaks! And his speech is a warning of impending doom. His smiting rod is upraised, to be sure, but it never falls before his warnings words he has uttered.

Thus ever is the justice of God conditioned and tempered by his mercy. True to this pattern runs the little book we study today. God brings his people to book. They are convicted of just about every form of wickedness — not one class of them but all classes — and then they are shown the way back to God's loving favor. Note some of the classes and the forms of their ungodliness.

I. PRIESTS

They are the ordained religious

leaders of the people. The priests erect and support the religious standards and, as the priests themselves practice and preach, so will the people, and herein lies the danger from the priests. The practice tends to grow mechanical, the standards expressed in oral form are memorized and practiced by a generation upon whom the words do not take deep down hold. The priests hear these parrot-like recitals and say that all is well. Then God, in whose ears all this has become a solemn mockery, sins of prophet. He denounces the false priest and the combat is on between priest and prophet.

II. THE SAINTS

I avoid the term "laymen" because that is a term unknown to the New Testament. All pastors, bishops, elders, as by the work in which they are engaged you may call them, are saints, but not all saints are bishops, or elders or pastors. But these saints, ordinary, common saints form the great bulk of God's people.

While the saints remain true to God, the land is safe, but once let this class go wrong and, no matter how the country may progress in other respects, these words of the poet will remain true and applicable, "Ill fairs the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates and men decay." That was the condition in Judah, when God sent Malachi. It was time for him to come. God allows men to proceed just so far and then he speaks, and woe to him or to them who heed not his words of warning!

III. "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER."

There is God's remedy for every evil condition. His messenger means that God speaks and the word of God is alive. It is not simply so many characters in a book or so much sound upon the air, he himself says "The word is alive, active, and piercing to the dividing of soul and spirit, even of the joints and marrow."

God sent his messenger and the word of God prepares the way for the Spirit of God and the Son of God and the Kingdom of God in the hearts of those who hear it. Of course this passage is Messianic, it points to the stern old forest-born John, who came out of the hill country of Judea to herald the coming of the Christ but we must remember always that his words were, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Thus always the word of the Lord. It is in effect, "Turn ye." The wicked man must forsake his wicked way and the unrighteous man must forsake his unrighteous thought.

These conditions fulfilled, and our God will have mercy upon him and abundantly pardon his transgressions. This is the Godly way, of course, no

one less than God or filled with the spirit of God would so treat the offender. It is only God who has said, "Come now, let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

But man says to the sinner, "Go dangle at the end of a rope." Or, "Go occupy a hot seat." Or, "Breathe gas and no more." So it becomes the prophet to speak the words of God and say, "My thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are my ways your ways," saith Jehovah. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my thoughts than your thoughts and my ways than your ways."

IV. WHY INTERMARRIAGE WAS A SIN

It was not simply that the daughter of the foreigner was fair or that the son of the foreigner was handsome, nor was it that the reverse of these was true; but the foreigners by whom the children of God were surrounded were worshipers of heathen gods, and those gods were of unspeakable wickedness.

For instance, the priests of Baal taught and practiced human sacrifice. Little babies were often offered as burnt sacrifices to Baal, or Bel, as he is often called, while the temples of Ashteroth, or Asherea were really houses of prostitution in which every priestess was expected to practice the part of a prostitute, from the financial proceeds of which the temple services were supported.

Look then for a moment at the priests of Bel. They were the official murderers of little children. Think this fact over and see whether you do not have a very much altered feeling towards stern old Elijah in his act in the slaughter of the priests of Bel.

I am dictating these words in what we know out here as the Lakeside Subdivision and in that subdivision are literally fulfilled the words of the prophet, "And the streets of the city shall be full of little children, playing in the streets thereof." I try to be a man of peace but I wouldn't guarantee my actions to be peaceful in the presence of a man, gowned in whatsoever sacerdotal robes he might be if I should apprehend him in the act of murdering any one of the little children who play in the streets of my city.

V. THE PLACE OF MALACHI

He is the last in the long prophetic tradition of Israel. Malachi came almost a hundred years after the ministries of Haggai and Zechariah, who had inspired the people to build the second temple. Our other sources give us little information as to the condition of the people of Judah at this period.

Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Harold O'Chester, Biloxi; Rev. and Mrs. Filmore Strunk, Durant; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Jackson; Mrs. Abram Villeret, Jackson; Patricia Kirkpatrick, Jackson.

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The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will release a dramatic motion picture, *Recruits for Christ*, on September 15, according to an announcement by Rev. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., the Board's associate secretary for audio-visual aids. The film was prepared in the studios of Family Films of California, and its purpose is to help young people find God's will for their lives. It is being released on a service charge basis of \$2.00 through the Baptist Book Stores, and is available through Baptist Student Union offices for free use by all student groups.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—C. Aubrey Hearn, director of the study course, Training Union Department, recently marked his 25th year of association with the Baptist Sunday School Board. The department, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary, presented a silver water pitcher to Hearn, the ceremony taking place at a dinner for the department personnel and their families.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Robert F. Tucker, Jackson, Harold Tucker, Jackson; Rev. Howard Taylor, Eupora; Mrs. Wood Waits, Polly Waits, Eupora; Mrs. C. N. Coley, Jackson; Mrs. W. C. Howse, Jackson.

Malachi is important in that his message gives us insight into the moral conditions obtaining in his day. Perhaps it would be well to deduce this statement that eternal vigilance is the price of Godliness. The piety and earnestness of a given generation will never of itself guarantee the continuance of this condition. There may be a Godly generation followed by an ungodly one.

The only remedy against this succession is that the people of each generation shall study to be well pleasing in the sight of God. It is well enough to boast of the great men who built the Christian churches, providing we are not satisfied to live in the reflected spiritual glory which their lives shed upon us. "There was a man sent from God whose name was Roger Williams." Oh, how we Baptists love to refer to him, founder of religious liberty in the western hemisphere. Now that's very fine, but let us be sure that while we brag of that accomplishment we do not ourselves deny religious liberty to someone else.



Miss Imogene Polley

Shown above is Miss Imogene Polley who is Student Director of Blue Mountain College this session. She is a Kentuckian, and holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown College, and the Master of Religious Education from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

She will have charge of the religious activities on the campus.

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association has closed its thirty-fifth annual session at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. More than 300 education directors and other church representatives attended the three-day meeting in which progress, trends, and problems relating to education in Baptist institutions was discussed with President J. M. Price, Fort Worth, presiding. Dr. Norman O'Neal, Clinton, was one of the vice-presidents elected.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Washington Association which met at First Church, Greenville; Hollandale Church; and Parkview Church, Greenville in October, 1954. The next sessions are to be held at First Church, Leland on October 10; at Calvary Church, Greenville, on October 11; and at Arcola Church on October 12. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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Balm in Gilead, a kodachrome motion picture, prepared especially for use in connection with this year's foreign mission study on "The Moslem World," will be released September 15, according to Rev. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., the Foreign Mission Board's associate secretary for audio-visual aids. The film will be distributed through the Baptist Book Stores. Balm in Gilead is the story of Southern Baptist missions in the ancient lands of the Near East. Among other things the film shows the Baptist Hospital at Ajloun, in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, witnessing of the Saviour's love among the Moslems.

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Children's Page



MR. BIMBO AND HIS BRINDLE COW

By ROSE ROSS

Mr. Bimbo and his brindle cow didn't always agree on everything. Especially on Mrs. Brindle's bad habit of climbing through the fence into someone else's lot. In fact, nearly every neighbor in Pickerpoff Town had chased Mrs. Brindle out of his garden. That didn't make for very good friendships. At least, not for the very best friendships.

"Dear me! Oh, dearie me!" cried Mr. Bimbo. "What shall I ever do? I've tried being nice, and I've tried being gruff and acting quite mad. What shall I ever do with Mrs. Brindle?"

"I'd give her a good spanking," said Young Sally Ann. "If she is bad, that's what she deserves."

"She is bad," said little Tim Brown. "Mrs. Brindle tramped across our potato patch and Papa said she ought to have a rope around her neck."

"She skedaddled right down our sweet corn row," said Beverly Sue. "Mother says she is the troubling-makingest cow in all Pickerpoff Town."

"Oh, my me!" groaned Mr. Bimbo. "Now I must do something. I s'pose I'll just have to take Mrs. Brindle off to the market this very morning. Much as I hate to part with her, I simply can't have her making trouble all over Pickerpoff Town."

"Do you want us to help you dress her for market?" asked Young Sally Ann.

"We can curry and comb and wash her for you," said little Tim Brown.

"And put a rose in her halter to make her look nice," said Beverly Sue.

"And polish her hoofs till they're shiny and bright," said kind Steven Lay. "We want to help you, Mr. Bimbo. We are sorry you must take Mrs. Brindle away."

"Well, there's no use to fumble and falter on such a sad matter," sighed Mr. Bimbo. "I'll be pleased if you'll help me dress Mrs. Brindle for market."

Young Sally Ann and Little Tim Brown ran to fetch a pail of soapy water. Beverly Sue and kind Steven Lay got down the brushes and combs from the

stall. Then they all set to work, getting Mrs. Brindle ready for her trip to market.

They combed and curried and brushed and brushed until Mrs. Brindle's tawny coat shone like the sun.

They shined her hoofs and polished her horns and tied a rose in her halter.

She looked stunning, indeed, when completely dressed up.

"Now, I must be on my way," said Mr. Bimbo. "Thank you kindly for helping me get Mrs. Brindle ready for market."

Mr. Bimbo took down his best straw hat from off the peg by the kitchen door and put it on his head. Then he and Mrs. Brindle started down the road, jig, jog, jig, to market.

The children followed after them.

Presently Steven Lay said, "I shall miss the warm sweet milk that Mrs. Brindle gave me each morning for my breakfast."

"I shall miss my ride on her back to the water tank," said Little Tim Brown.

"Mother and I shall miss the golden butter she gave for our cakes," said Beverly Sue.

"I shall miss her thick yellow cream for my red strawberries," said Young Sally Ann.

"I am afraid we shall miss our friend very much," said kind Steven Lay. "Maybe she ought not go to market. Maybe we should think of something else to do with her."

"Maybe we should," cried the others. "Maybe that would be better."

Mr. Bimbo stopped and ruffled his hair.

Mrs. Brindle lifted her head and mooed softly. She wasn't happy about going away from Pickerpoff.

"I think if we shared our good things with Mrs. Brindle she might now crawl through the fence," said Little Tim Brown. "I could fetch her a carrot or two every day."

"We could give her turnips and red beet tops," said Young Sally Ann. "That ought to make her so happy that she wouldn't want to leave home."

"Please bring her back," cried the children to Mr. Bimbo.

"Please bring her back," cried the neighbors and friends. "We're used to Mrs. Brindle's

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 19 — State Mission Week of Prayer; Rev. N. G. Hickman, Alcorn Association-Missionary.

September 20 — Sunday School associational planning meetings; Charles O. Dean, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

September 21 — Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Trustee, Baptist Foundation; Sam Gore, Mississippi College faculty.

September 22 — Mrs. D. W. Hendricks, Warren W. M. U. Superintendent; L. C. DeVall, Jr., William Carey College faculty.

September 23 — Rev. A. E. Lucas, Humphreys Association-Chairman of Evangelism; R. E. Jones, Lafayette Association-Music Director.

September 24 — Frank Horton, BSU Director, Mississippi College; Earl Crawford, Lauderdale Association Training Union Director.

September 25 — John E. Gray, Jr., Grenada Association Brotherhood President; BSU Join-the-Church Day.

Holly Grove Adds Four In Revival

In the recent revival at Holly Grove Church Rev. N. B. Nicholson, Philadelphia, was the evangelist.

There were four additions by profession of faith. Rev. L. L. Nicholson, Rolling Fork, is the pastor.

Brookhaven, Central Reports Revival

Central Church in Brookhaven reports three professions of faith and two additions by letter in the recent revival held there. On the Sunday following the revival there were four additions by letter.

Rev. Ivan Lowry, pastor of the Mt. Zion Church in Lincoln County, was the evangelist. The pastor, Dr. W. T. Waring, led the singing.

visits and we would miss her, now. Please bring her back to Pickerpoff Town where she belongs."

Mr. Bimbo smiled and turned around. He led Mrs. Brindle back to her own neat meadow and put her inside.

"I'll fetch her a carrot right now," said Little Tim Brown. "Maybe she will understand that we would rather fetch them to her than have her go help herself."

The children brought Mrs. Brindle some vegetables from their gardens, each morning, after that; so she had no excuse for crawling through the fence. At least she never did do such a thing again. Never!

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Man Of Distinction

With a sincere effort to help the liquor industry to present a fair picture of what liquor does and how it does make men of distinction as well as EXTINCTION, we quote below and editorial that recently appeared in the Clarion Ledger. "Having noted recently a series of raids and the arrest of scores of bootleggers in Atlanta, the so-called 'moonshine capital of the world,' we think it proper to note now the results of a similar series of raids made in Nashville, Tennessee, results indicating that law violations by legal liquor handlers, if not moonshine selling, are common and controversial there also.

Police Chief John B. Milliron today requested District Atty. Gen. J. Carlton Loser to bring court action to 'padlock' 26 Nashville mixing bars," the new story reports.

Chief Milliron submitted a list of 18 places where arrests have been made following purchases of liquor sold illegally. Convictions have been obtained in City Court in all the cases listed, the police chief said.

Proceedings also have been requested against eight uptown drinking places where a reporter for a morning newspaper stated he also had made illegal purchases of whiskey sold by the drink.

Law enforcement officers and prosecuting officials have stated the opinion that mixing bars cannot subsist on the legal operation of providing mixing ingredients for intoxicants brought in by customers, and, to make money, sell whiskey by the drink and keep a supply in stock. It is a violation of the law to sell whiskey by the drink or to maintain a stock on the premises of the mixing bar.

"And that may serve as another derisive answer to the fast and false claims by liquor propagandists to Mississippi legislators and citizens that legal control of the liquor traffic, with state prohibition abolished, would confine it to 'decent and honest' men and end all liquor law violations, including illegal sale of drinks to minors."

Lawrence Co. Pastors Elect Officers

The newly-organized Lawrence County pastor's conference meeting at Monticello recently elected officers to serve for the coming associational year.

Elected were Rev. C. L. Boland, pastor of Calvary Church, Silver Creek, president; Rev. J. W. T. Siler, pastor of New Hebron Church, vice president; Rev. Richard Barber, pastor of Shiloh Church, Sontag, conference secretary.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By L. V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:

J. L. Clements, Macedonia, Oklahoma

Ed. Foreman, Howe, Okla. John T. Stell, Jr., First, Earl-sboro, Okla.

Don Cole, North Heights, Sapulpa, Okla.

Everett Battey, Long Creek, Decatur, Illinois

C. D. Sallee, Jr., Crivewood, Nashville, Tenn., from Batesville, Ark.

Edward Straney, Jefferson-ton, Ky., from Edgewood, Columbus, Ga.

J. Wayne Levon, Lancaster, S. C., from Hilliard Memorial, High Point, N. C.

Roy A. Fowler, Rockwood, Portland, Oregon, from Tower, Fort Worth, Texas

Latham T. Merchant, First, N. Miami, Fla., from Cedar Hill, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Broadman's Right Or Wrong Best Seller

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Right or Wrong, by T. B.

Maston, professor of Social Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the most popular Broadman Press publication with the buyers at the recent Christian Booksellers' Association meeting in Washington, D. C.

Broadman Press exhibits annually at the Association, which is a national organization, because Broadman books have a special appeal for and meet with a favorable reception by the conservative Christian groups who attend the meeting.

Right or Wrong also was acclaimed the best seller this summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist book stores, Jay O. Turner, manager, sales department, Baptist Sunday School Board, recently reported.

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Durant Church Has Youth Revival

Rev. Roy O. Raddin, pastor at Angulla, was the evangelist for the recent youth revival at Durant. Commie Massey was the song leader and Miss Becky Myers was the pianist.

On the Sunday following the revival 108 people responded to the "Four-Star Christian" invitation, promising to (1) tithe; (2) witness to the lost and unchurched (3) establish Family Altars (4) attend all church services unless providentially hindered. At this service, in which the new pastor, Rev. Filmore Strunk, brought the sermon, the auditorium was filled and chairs were placed in the aisles.

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Cowart Church Adds Fourteen

Cowart Church, Tallahatchie Association, recently held its annual revival.

There were thirteen to join the church by baptism, one by letter. There were six rededications. Rev. Joe Nanney, pastor of the Sumner Church was the evangelist. Rev. T. C. Pinson, Cowart pastor, led the singing.

The Cowart Church has begun the construction of a three bedroom parsonage, adopted the plan of rotation of deacons, and of extending an indefinite call to its pastors rather than using the annual call.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Sylva Rena Is No. 1139

One of the latest churches to join the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Sylva Rena Church in Yalobusha County. Rev. Carl Floyd, Mississippi College student, is the pastor.

Record readers in Yalobusha County are now listed as follows: SYLVA RENA, 35; Big Springs, 11; CAMP GROUND, 54; COFFEEVILLE, 81; Haven Hill, 14; Hopewell, 10; Mt. Gilead, 14; NEW HOPE, 27; OAKLAND, 37; O'TUCKOLOFA, 22; Scobey, 18; Tillatola, 1; WATER VALLEY, 131; WAY-SIDE, 35; Cedar Grove, 10; Pilgrim's Rest, 1.

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DeSoto Association

The 1955 associational season started with Desoto County as the first association. It met on September 1 at New Prospect Church. Rev. A. L. Goodson is moderator and he started on time and stayed on time.

As usual, the Baptist Record was given a good spot on the program and already one prospective EVERY FAMILY church list has been received with others in the making.

Record readers in Desoto County are now listed as follows:

EUDORA, 83; HERNANDO, 103; HORN LAKE, 78; MACEDONIA, 26; NEW PROSPECT, 55; Oak Grove, 11; OLIVE BRANCH, 81; PLEASANT HILL, 21; TRINITY, 25; Gray's Creek, 1; Walls, 16.

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Rev. Paul Harwood has resigned as pastor of the Darling Church effective October 2. He will move to Fort Worth to enter Southwestern Seminary. During the nearly three years of his pastorate of the Darling Church there have been 93 additions to the church, 59 of them by baptism. Three new Sunday School classes and two new unions have been added. Two Royal Ambassador chapters and a Sunbeam Band have been organized. The gifts through the Cooperative Program have increased from 5 per cent to 12½ per cent of the budget. A building fund for a new church building has been started. Mr. Harwood has served in the association as Royal Ambassador Counselor.

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Richland Church Breaks Ground



The first shovel of dirt was turned by Earl T. Hannon, chairman of the building committee in the recent groundbreaking services on the new building site of the Richland Church of Plain. Others participating in the service were: from left to right, Mrs. A. V. Prather—President of the W. M. U.; M. W. Steen—deacon and Sunday school teacher; J. T. Laird, Training Union Director; Earl T. Hannon; W. T. Beckelheimer—building contractor, and Rev. W. A. Whitten Jr.—pastor.

The proposed building is the first unit of a three-unit construction in the future. It is two floors in height, consisting of 35 class rooms and 11,200 square feet in floor space, with accommodations for 425 in edu-

cational and auditorium space. The general contract was let for \$63,045. Total costs are expected to run about \$75,000. The congregation hopes to occupy the new building in the late spring.

The present church building is located behind the Richland School in Plain where it was constructed in 1901. This location proved to be unwise for the new building site since it is only nine-tenths acre in size with little hope of securing any additional space in the future. Thus, the new site was purchased on Highway 49 just North of the School in a thickly wooded area. This plot is two acres in size with opportunity of expansion in the future, and is otherwise an ideal church building site.

Proposed Merger Being Considered

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A committee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee is going to study the proposed merger of two Negro Baptist institutions located here.

They are American Baptist Theological Seminary and the National Baptist Missionary Training School. They have adjacent campuses.

Southern Baptists own the seminary campus and support it jointly with the National Baptist Convention, Inc., a Negro Baptist body. The Training School has no connection with the Southern Baptist Convention.

If accomplished, the merger will become effective September, 1956. The seven-member committee named by Judge Frank Hooper, Executive Committee president, includes G. Allen West, of Nashville, Tenn., as chairman; W. D. Hudgins, of Jackson, Miss.; Homer Waldrop, Jackson, Tenn.; Orin Cornett, Nashville; Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Leland Sedberry, Nashville, and James M. Gregg, Nashville.

—BR—

According to The Baptist Message (La.) the Catholic-dominated school board in Boston

Seek Organization To Aid The Retarded

A state-wide meeting to organize a Mississippi State Council for Retarded Children, will be held at 1 p. m., Saturday, September 24, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson.

This was announced today by Charles J. Zellner of Memphis, Tennessee, a director of the National Association for Retarded Children and organizer and immediate past president of the Tennessee State Council for Retarded Children.

Interested persons from throughout the state are invited to the meeting at which representatives will be appointed to organize local affiliates, Mr. Zellner said. "Purpose of the Council will be to promote educational opportunities for mentally retarded children," Mr. Zellner said.

had not appointed a single Protestant principal among the 112 elementary schools in that New England metropolis. Furthermore, in the last three years, the board has "sold" no less than ten school buildings to the Archbishop of Boston at prices ranging from \$12,500 down to \$200. Of course, the site alone would be worth many times those amounts in a city like Boston. In North Carolina we do not fully comprehend the strength of Catholics in some sections of the United States.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

50 Years Ago

The Bassfield Church closed a meeting with 23 accessions, 19 of them by baptism during which Pastor T. J. Moore was assisted by Rev. L. D. Posey.

The Midway Baptist Church, Lauderdale County, was organized August 2, with fifteen charter members. Rev. Jud. H. Williams of Meridian was the first pastor.

40 Years Ago

Pastor T. L. Holcomb had his brother H. R. Holcomb of Waycross, Georgia, as the preacher and the Clark College Quartette to lead the music and song services in the annual meeting of the Pontotoc Church which resulted in 46 additions, 30 of whom were for baptism.

The Coila Baptist Church, Carroll County, closed a very successful meeting in which Rev. R. A. Eddleman was the visiting preacher and W. D. Hughes led the song services. Thirteen additions, eleven for baptism.

25 Years Ago

The Baptist churches of Lee County cooperated in county-wide revival meeting in the First Church, Tupelo with Dr. Frank Tripp of St. Joseph, Missouri, doing the preaching. Fifty-eight joined the First Church, reports Pastor H. R. Holcomb.

Pastor A. W. Talbert of Jackson did the preaching in his Union Baptist Church resulting in 23 accessions, eight for baptism.

Correction: In the list of 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program contributions carried in last week's Baptist Record the church listed No. 37 was Meridian First. It should have been Meridian Southside.

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Wall (DeSoto)	52	7.32		Tuscola (Leake)	50	13.00	Old Mt. Pisgah (Choctaw)	42	3.80
Popular Springs (Calhoun)	64	5.00		North Greenwood (Leflore)	209	32.71	Amory (Monroe)	262	65.00
New Sardis				Fellowship (Jasper)	46		New Concord (Yazoo)	64	16.00
				Concord (Choctaw)	86	10.00	Poplar Springs (Simpson)	67	8.05
				Bethlehem (Choctaw)	29	3.92	Bethel (Perry)	86	12.00

McCarley (Carroll)	26	
Conehatta (Newton)	55	
Melrose (Yazoo)	77	5.05
Sunny Hill (Pike)	54	11.42
Bethlehem (Yazoo)	91	7.74
Pleasant Hill (Benton)	30	
Canaan (Benton)	29	6.04
Bluff Springs (Benton)	60	
Lonoke (Benton)	32	

Dixon Ordained



Rev. Lewis Dixon was ordained to the full gospel ministry on June 19. He is pastor of the First Church, Friday, Texas.

Mr. Dixon is the son of W.

Rev. Dixon J. Dixon of

Monticello and brother of C. L. Dixon of Jackson. He is married to the former Frances Smith.

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Looxahoma Church
Adds 5 Members

The summer revival was held at Looxahoma Church, Tate, County, August 7-12.

Rev. H. J. Rushing, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., did the preaching. Rev. Max Dorr, Sardis, a senior at Mississippi College, led the singing.

There were five additions on profession of faith.

Rev. M. C. Whitten is the pastor.

Paynes (Tallahatchie)	114	22.48
Philip (Tallahatchie)	69	5.20
Friendship (Tallahatchie)	67	12.20
Tippo (Tallahatchie)	50	8.38
Shady Dale (Tallahatchie)	47	12.16
Parks Bayou (Tallahatchie)	62	16.34
Paul (Tallahatchie)	46	12.17
Mars Hill (Leake)	68	15.00

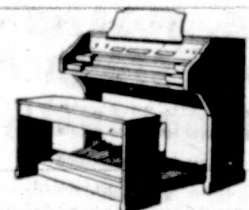
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ZION ASSOCIATION

G. A. CAMP

"The Queenly Quest" was the theme for the first Zion Association G. A. Camp held at Dorroh's Lake August 18-20.

Fifty young girls and their counselors participated in the activities of the camp, under the direction of Mrs. Floyd Carroll, of Walthall Association Young People's Leader.

One of the highlights of the camp was an inspirational message brought by Rev. Julio S. Diaz, of Argentina, who told his life's story and of his surrendering to preach the message of Christ to his own people. He is a graduate of Southeastern Theological Seminary and plans to return to Argentina this fall.

Rev. Claude Galloway, pastor of the Walthall Baptist Church, was the Camp pastor. Others on the program were Mrs. John L. Sanders, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. Claude Galloway, Miss Jimmie Carroll, Mrs. Ulvie Fitts, and Mrs. W. W. Herrin.

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Assistant Promotion Director Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)

—Robert J. Hastings, pastor of University Baptist Church, Carbondale, Ill., will join the staff of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee Oct. 1 as assistant to the director of promotion.

According to Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, an important part of Hastings' duties will be in helping to carry out the newly announced program of church-financing.

Hastings, 31, holds a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. A native of Marion, Ill., he is married and the Hastings have three children.

Amory Pastor To Retire



Rev. John F. Measelle

After nearly 27 years of service as pastor of the First Church, Amory (including a brief pastorate there in his early ministry) Rev. John F. Measelle recently resigned his work as pastor there to take over a broad phase of mission work.

Retiring from the pastorate at Amory, he and his wife will continue to live in Amory. Mr. Measelle was made pastor emeritus. He will be available for supply work.

Since coming to the Amory Church from the Pontotoc Church (Dr. A. L. Goodrich succeeded him as pastor at Pontotoc) the work at Amory has grown rapidly, and gifts to all causes have increased one-hundred fold.

Among other improvements a modern educational building has been completed and equipped, and recently a lot for further expansion has been purchased. The retiring pastor also led in the purchase of an up-to-date pastor's home when money was scarce.

Mrs. Measelle has served as Superintendent of the Junior Department for 25 years.

The out-going pastor is a graduate of Mississippi College, and of Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas. He has served his denomination as missionary in the West by appointment of the Home Mission Board, as a member of the Southwide Educational Board, and at present is serving as member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"I am not giving up the pastorate because of ill health," said the pastor, "but because I am desirous of entering a new phase of ministry with emphasis is on the missionary side in larger areas, and without pay."

Gifts and cash amounting to \$1250 have been presented to Mr. Measelle by the Amory Church.

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Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

SEPTEMBER—CHURCH MUSIC MONTH IS HERE

Many churches are observing September as Church Music Month. This emphasis is South wide and your music organization will profit by including some special emphasis in your program this month. Posters and pamphlets on September as Church Music Month are available upon request from the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson.

Listed below are some things that might be done during September as Church Music Month.

I. Have a school of music using text books from the Church Music Training Course.

II. Magnify music through all departments of the church and from the Pulpit.

III. Conduct a church wide Hymn Sing.

IV. Have a program with emphasis upon the Local Church Music Program, the Associational Music Program, the South wide Program of Music and the Church Musician.

V. Set up the Graded Choir program for the coming year.

VI. Organize new choirs

VII. Have a "Music Emphasis Sunday."

VIII. Present a Song Sermon.

PEARL RIVER HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

The Music Emphasis in Pearl River Association under the leadership of Rev. John L. Gilbert of Picayune closed on August 26 with a record attendance in the music schools. A Music School was held in the Southern end of the association at Goodyear Church. This school was led by W. C. Morgan. Another school was held at Poplarville under the leadership of Joe Abrams, Jr. There were 17 churches cooperating in the music schools with a total enrollment of 250. Rev. Clyde Gordon is Pastor at Poplarville and Rev. John L. Gilbert is Pastor at Goodyear.

BOLIVAR ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

Under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Farr of Cleveland and W. C. Morgan of Jackson, a Music School was held in the First Baptist Church of Cleveland for Bolivar Association. The school closed on Friday, September 2. The enrollment for the week reached 65 with 6 churches cooperating. During the month of August the Associational Missionary, Rev. Charles Everett, turned the promotion work over to Mr. Farr who did an excellent job. Bolivar holds the regular Hymn Sing Program.

Over 200 Attend MC Gathering

Mississippi College was host to more than 200 Baptist leaders and workers at an informal gathering on the campus on Thursday evening of last week.

Those attending included faculty members and their wives and husbands, pastors of the Baptist Churches of Hinds County and their wives, and the executives in the Baptist Building and their wives.

Presiding over the luncheon affair was Dr. D. M. Nelson, president. Special music included a vocal duet by Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor Clinton Church, and Mrs. McIntire.

The one message was delivered by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretary-treasurer, who spoke on "The Fatherhood of God."

Dr. Nelson said the purpose of the meeting was for those attending "to know each other and love each other."

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Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 10—Mrs. B. H. Lovelace, Clinton, is the new Dean of Students at Blue Mountain College, succeeding Mrs. Claytie Bright. Mrs. Lovelace is the widow of Rev. B. H. Lovelace who was pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church 17 years.

The dedication of the new building of the First Church, McLain, will be observed Sunday, September 18. Following Sunday School Dr. L. E. Green, Prentiss, will deliver the dedication sermon. Immediately after the morning service lunch will be served at the church. There will also be a service at 2:00 P. M. Rev. Mack Jones is pastor.

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Eastside, Jackson Calls New Pastor

Rev. Robert F. Tucker, pastor at Holly Grove Church in Simpson County for the past two and one-half years, has been called as pastor of the Eastside Church, Jackson. He began his new ministry there on September 1.

Mr. Tucker attended Mississippi College and has been one year to New Orleans Seminary where he will continue his studies this fall.

A revival is in progress this week September 12-18, at Eastside Church. Rev. L. G. Camp, pastor of the Calvary Church, Batesville, is the evangelist and Billy Joe Pierce, Clark College student, is leading the singing.

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DeSoto County Association Is First To Meet



Shown above is Mrs. F. M. McLeroy with the youngest attendant at the meeting of the DeSoto Association. The association was held at the New Prospect Church.

Betsy Ann McLeroy, Mrs. McLeroy's 7-week-old daughter is shown in the picture.



Shown above are the officers of the DeSoto Association as they quit eating (left of picture) long enough to pose for the photo. They are left to right: Dan Oliver, vice-moderator; A. L. Goodson, moderator; Ervin Brown, chairman of evangelism; C. M. Dunnaway, clerk and B. F. McIlwain, Convention Board Member.

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Remember the Sabbath Day,
to keep it holy



Shown above is a scene during the lunch hour at the DeSoto Association.



Shown above is the New Prospect Church, Lewiston, where the DeSoto Association met on Sept. 1.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Lord's Supper Wine

Question: Has a Baptist church the right to change the wine of the communion to grape juice?

This came up in our deacon's meeting recently and some said that it made no difference whether it was wine, milk, or water, as long as we were "discerning Jesus Christ." Others argued that alcohol would awaken the taste for drink in our young people.

Answer: There is good evidence that Jesus and his disciples, together, drank four cups of red wine at the Passover. Unfermented grape juice was rare in these days because they did not have modern antiseptic means of preservation.

Wine was used by the Jews on festal occasions, when entertaining guests, celebrating a circumcision or an engagement or a wedding, or for medicine.

Whether to use wine, unfermented grape juice, or a thick boiled wine, mixed with water (as the ancient Jews did), has been a source of controversy since the early days of Christianity. Baptists have generally agreed that the drink should be "the fruit of the vine" and have not bothered about whether or not it is fermented. To argue about its alcohol content seems to most people to be beside the point.

If fermented grape juice might lead some to use alcoholic beverage, which I doubt, why not use grape juice (unfermented)? This is not a matter worth quarreling about.

Grape juice is squeezed from the fruit of the vine, as Jesus' life was taken from him. It retains the symbolic significance that was involved in the Passover. Is this not enough?

Why should a Baptist church waste the Lord's time and energy debating non-essentials?

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri)

Why Protestants Go To Church



Protestants have never been compelled to attend church.

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In New Testament times, after Christ ascended into heaven, the believers met together to study the Scriptures and to worship God. This was the beginning of the Christian Church. These early Christians recounted their blessings to one another. The Bible says that "they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." (Acts 14: 27)

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Bible-believing Christians are not compelled to attend church. They have a deep desire to know God, to study His Word, and to serve Him. You are invited to join with them. Find a church where the Bible is given the place of supreme authority it deserves, and where the message of salvation through Jesus Christ is clearly presented. You will find a welcome there.

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ERROR IN REVISED DATE

In the latest edition of "A Church Using Its Sunday School," the revision date is given as 1951.

This is wrong and it should be 1955.

Please make note of this and be sure and ask for the latest edition when ordering this book.

This is the suggested book for use during Preparation Week, September 18-25.

FALL SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Sunday School Department for this fall is as follows:

- September 5-9, Enlargement campaign at Northside, Jackson
- September 12-16, Central School at Forest and Morton for Scott Association
- September 19-23, Central Associational Program at Clarksdale, Riverside Association
- September 26-30, Central Associational Program at Hattiesburg, Lebanon Association
- October 2-7, Simultaneous Associational Campaign for Wayne Association
- October 10-14, Central Associational Program for Tate Association, at Coldwater
- October 17-21, Simultaneous Associational Campaign for Calhoun Association
- October 24-28, Central Associational Program for Lauderdale Association
- October 31-November 3, Associational Central Teaching Clinic at Carthage for Leake Association
- November 7-11, several separate Church schools

HICKORY FLAT PROGRESS

The Sunday school at Hickory Flat has an enrolment of 201 and the average attendance for the last twelve months has been 156, or 78 per cent.

That is far, far above the average. We offer our very sincere congratulations to all in that fine school on this excellent average.

A few weeks ago the attendance was 191, or 95 per cent. Rev. Charlie Bryant is the pastor, the superintendent is J. D. Bennett.

NURSERY WORKER ADDED

Mrs. Ada Rutledge, native of Newport, Tenn., on August 1 became superintendent of Nursery work in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, succeeding Mrs. H. R. Jones, who is now editor of Nursery materials in the lesson courses section of the Sunday School Department.

Mrs. Rutledge for the past three years was head of the Department of Childhood Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

This is another advance step

in the movement to improve the work.

EXCELLENT

PLANNING MEETING

Our State Planning Meeting in Jackson on September 2 was the best we have ever had. The attendance was splendid, from all sections of the state, even the most remote parts. The people came with interest in making next year's Sunday school program the best yet.

The state meeting each year is the first of three similar meetings, all designed to aid in the program for another year. After the state meeting is the one for

each association, and then the last is the church meeting. Each is a planning meeting to study ways and means for reaching every church with the best available Sunday school methods.

The true test of it all is what we do for the associations and the churches. So, leaders, be sure and follow up with the next two meetings also.

MORE STANDARDS

These units have become standard recently:

School: Calhoun City, First, Rev. Clarence Cutrell, pastor, Clyde Parker, superintendent.

Adult Classes: Lydia, McComb, First, Mrs. J. T. Lyons, teacher; Mary and Martha, Immanuel, Cleveland, Mrs. Richard B. Drane; Mrs. Roy D. King's Class, Brookhaven, First, Mrs. Roy D. King.

Young People's Class: Alma Boteler, Briar Hill, Mrs. Ernest Boteler.

Extension Department: Charleston, H. S. Fischer, superintendent, and these Visitors of standard Groups—Mae Dilard, Mrs. Allen Powers, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carithers, Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fischer.

Our very sincere thanks to the leaders of all these units for their good work in leading in attaining this rating in their work.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL

SEND IN

APPLICATIONS NOW

September 30 closes another year in our church work. That is also the time when all standards for that year expire and new applications must be filled out for the new year that begins on October 1.

So, if you have a standard unit now, and you have not this year made application for the recognition of it, you will have to do so at once in order for us to get it to the Nashville office in time for recording and recognition in September. There is time for this, but action will have to be fast.

Please keep this in mind also: Do not send in applications for the new year until one

Fellowship Church Is Organized

Fellowship Church, Chickasaw County, has recently been organized.

In the service held when the church charter was granted Rev. Eddie Foster, pastor at Amity Church, Chickasaw County, led the opening prayer.

Rev. Cecil Pumphrey, pastor of the Hebron Church in Clay County, read the church covenant. Rev. J. E. Rogers, pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church, Chickasaw County, gave the charter. Rev. James Hollingsworth, West Point, acted as moderator. Rev. Frank Crawford, Starkville, brought the message. Rev. Charles Harris, pastor at Woodland, led the closing prayer.

On Wednesday night after the church was organized the members called Rev. James Hollingsworth as pastor.

Several lots have been offered for the building, but to date a definite site has not been selected. Work will begin within two weeks on a building.

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Jasper Co. Pastor Accepts Texas Church

Rev. Artis Brewer recently resigned his pastorates at the Edon and Stringer Churches in Jasper County to accept the pastorate at Cross Roads Church near Marshall, Texas.

During Mr. Brewer's four-year ministry at the Edon Church a brick building, valued at \$65,000, has been erected. The church has begun giving ten per cent of the offerings to the Cooperative Program; the Sunday School and Training Union have doubled in attendance; the church has begun a full-time program; and a new brick veneer pastorium will soon be completed.

The Stringer Church has erected a new pastorium, added Sunday School rooms, and redecorated the church auditorium.

While serving Cross Roads Church Mr. and Mrs. Brewer plan to attend East Texas Baptist College.

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TO THE FAITH THAT REACHES OUT



month has passed. This is a requirement for all standards. This is in order that there may be that much time to observe the unit's work before making application for standard rating.

Baptist Student Union

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary
Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson



Shown here is Miss Nell Magee, B S U Director for Jones Junior College, who with Dr. W. L. Ball, Jr. of Rock Hill, S. C., and the State BSU Secretary, will

compose the traveling team for Baptist Focus Days in our state Sept. 19-22.

Other leaders will participate in the afternoon and evening programs on the campuses of Miss. State, Delta State, East Central Jr., and Ole Miss. The campuses to be visited during this week.

PEREGRINATIONS

While warming up the highway the other day in the midst of making the local pre-school retreat circuit, we fell to wondering how many meetings at schools, churches and other

places we've made between last Jan. 1st and the present. (This is being written Labor Day in New Albany). We found that we have visited 45 churches and have made 50 visits to our colleges. In addition there have been numerous committee meetings at our office in Jackson. The rather sizeable office job connected with the State BSU work, together with the responsibilities at our own church, all keeps us pretty busy and we are sorry to say that it causes us to run pretty far behind, because of insufficient help.

Miscellaneous

We merely remind our BSU leaders of the special emphases for September — personal witnessing for Christ, Join-the-Church Day(s), the Baptist Record and Baptist Student magazine subscription campaigns and, especially, the enlisting of freshmen.

This is being written before but will appear after the annual meeting of our State Board, but, in advance, we want to thank the Budget and Personnel and other Committees of the Board, the Board itself and Dr. Chester Quarles, for all the support given the Student Work for 1955-56.

Parents, home churches and pastors, again we request that you send names of your college students to the "BSU President" of the college to be attended or to us, so that we, of the BSU, can be Christian friends to them.

During the European tour of Louis Farmer and his party, we were happy to hear from him from London and Paris and from aboard ship (the S. S. Castel Felice). Of the trip, Mr. Farmer wrote: "One of the richest experiences of my life.

The way the Lord has guided this group this summer, has been simply amazing . . . I believe the effect of this sort of tour on these 15 young people from nine states will mean more to Southern Baptist Missions, to B. S. U. in general, and to Baptist world fellowship than any other way I could have spent this time."

Between Aug. 7 and Aug. 19, Betty Graham, Summer Missionary in the Northwest, made one talk and taught in one Bible School where six were converted and eight rededicated their lives to Christ.

From near Venice, Italy, we've recently received a card from Southwest Jr. BSU Director, Elois Coward, who was touring Europe at the time, and who was having a wonderful trip.

Indications are that Baptist Student Centers for Miss. State and Delta State are on the way.

Parents and home pastors and churches, again may we suggest that you send the Baptist Record, Baptist Student Magazine, and your church bulletin to your college students and that you encourage them to join the church in their college town and spend most of their weekends there — all this for their spiritual and emotional development. Please send list of your students to the "BSU President" at each college or to us right away.

Space does not permit a report of Student Week at Glorieta which Miss. College BSU Director Frank Horton and your State Secretary recently attended. It was great, suffice it to say.

Among the many churches observing "Off-to-College Day" are these who have written us: Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian; Gillsburg; Bay Springs; First, Winona; Shaw; First, Picayune; Southside, Meridian; First, Vicksburg; Yokena.

James Ruffin, preacher in Youth-led Revival in Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, reports that there were 13 additions and "around 100 rededications."

BSU Director for Pearl River Junior, Harold Gully, writes that they are expecting around 250 at their opening party.

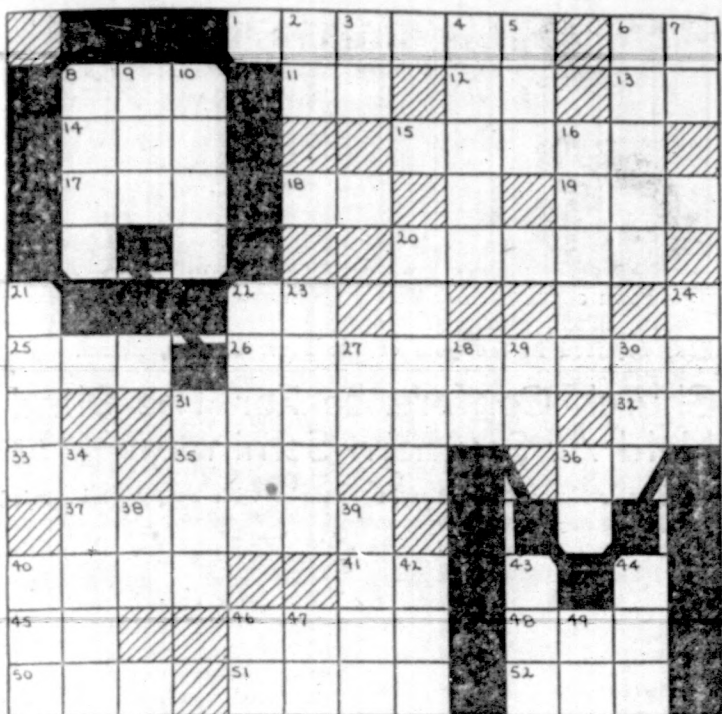
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Exodus 16
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- 1 "at even the . . . came up" :13
6 "Six days . . . shall gather it" :26
8 See 5 down
11 Promissory note (abbr.)
12 Evangelical Union (abbr.)
13 Half an em
14 Belonging to you and me
15 "they said one to another, It is . . ." :15
17 The children of Israel . . . manna and quails
18 "they gathered every man according . . . his eating" :18
19 Native mineral
20 "take ye every man for them which are in his . . ." :16
22 South Atlantic State (abbr.)
25 "an omer for every . . ." :16
26 "it was like . . . seed, white" :31
31 "So the people rested on the . . . day" :30
32 "ye shall know that I . . . the Lord your God" :12
33 Right (abbr.)
35 "twice as much bread, two omers for . . . man" :22
36 "Gather of . . . every man according to his eating" :16
37 "the taste of it was like . . . made with honey" :31
40 "for they . . . not what it was" :15
41 Father
45 Air Corps (abbr.)
46 "he that gathered much had nothing . . ." :18
48 Man's name
50 "in the morning the . . . lay round about the host" :13
51 "and he that gathered little had no . . ." :18
52 "he giveth you on the sixth . . . the bread of two . . ." :29

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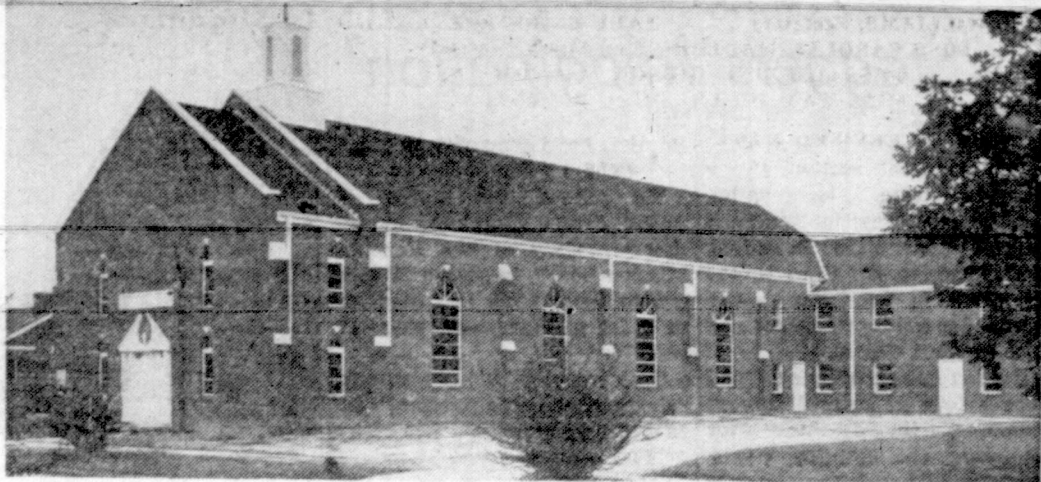
- 2 "so Aaron laid it . . . before the Testimony" :34
3 "when they did mete it with . . . omer" :18
4 "Moses said, Let no man . . . of it till the morning" :19
5 and 8 across "and when the . . . waxed . . . it melted"

:21

- 6 "the children of Israel did eat manna forty . . ." :35
7 Same as 13 across
8 "as small as the . . . frost on the ground" :14
9 "let no man go . . . of his place on the seventh day" :29
10 Large, woody plant
16 Famous
20 "there lay a small round . . ." :14
21 "Fill an . . . of it to be kept for your generations" :32
22 Stage setting of an act
23 "came up, and . . . ed the camp" :13
24 Part of the body
27 Second tone of the scale
28 " . . . even ye shall eat flesh" :12
29 New England State (abbr.)
30 "This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to . . ." :15
31 Not hard
34 "on the sixth day they gathered . . . as much bread" :22
36 "the sabbath, . . . it there shall be none" :26
38 "laid it up till the morning, . . . Moses bade" :24
39 Specification (abbr.)
40 A little mass
42 Boat built by Noah
43 "And the children of Israel . . . so, and gathered" :17
44 "and . . . it up before the Lord" :33
46 Oleum (abbr.)
47 South Atlantic State (abbr.)
49 Read Admiral (abbr.)

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THE BOOK OF ACTS (Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$3.50) is written by Dr. Frank Stagg, Professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Stagg sees the book as the record of the struggle of the early Christian to present the gospel freely to all men — "the early struggle for an unhindered gospel." From that point of view he presents a commentary on the book of Acts based on serious schol-

Magnolia Street Church Occupies New Building



Poplar Springs Reports Progress

Poplar Springs Church, Simpson Association, reports progress in its work in several areas.

In the revival which closed recently, 55 of the members, including all of the deacons, signed cards pledging to tithe. Already the offerings of the church have increased over 100% and the church has voted to give a percentage of all its offerings to the Cooperative Program.

The church has adopted its first full-time program and a \$8,500 parsonage is under construction. Also planned is an educational unit.

A Vacation Bible School has just closed with 67 enrolled, with 31 100% members. Four, including one adult, accepted Christ as Saviour. The principal was Mrs. Ray Ponder.

Rev. John E. Schoolar, former pastor of the D'Lo Church, is the pastor.

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Governor-Elect Speaks At BMC

The 83rd annual session of Blue Mountain College opened September 8 with an address by Governor-designate, J. P. Coleman. He stressed to the students the importance of dreaming and pressing on to the consummation of these dreams, overlooking no opportunities, and making opportunities.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey introduced the following new faculty members: Allen Leroy Tigrett, head of the education department; Euel Belcher, organ and public school music, and Miss Imogene Pol-

arship and rich experience as a teacher. The whole book of Acts is thoroughly outlined, and the full text is printed and discussed, section by section. Although this book was prepared for advanced students, the style is clear and the content readily understandable. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

Magnolia Street Church of Laurel, occupied this new building, with its educational facilities and auditorium on Sunday Sept. 11, filled for the worship hour.

Magnolia Street Church, formerly Beacon, was organized in 1942. A concrete block building was erected in 1943. From January, 1952 to April, 1955 the church, through budget appropriations and a cash raising campaign, accumulated a building fund that made possible the beginning of construction.

The auditorium is equipped with dual air-conditioning, a grand piano, and a Baldwin Organ. Windows are Gothic in design and are of wine-colored cathedral glass.

Two new members came by letter, and one was baptized. Rev. Tom Renfro is the pastor.

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W. M. U. Season Of Prayer Set For Next Week

The annual W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and special offering will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week it has been revealed by Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary.

Preparation Day was observed on Monday of this week and "Prayer" will be the theme of the special lessons that will be emphasized.

\$50,000 has been set as the goal to be contributed for the cause of state missions. The Cooperative Program allocations to State Missions does not meet all the needs and the above offering will go to supplement the Cooperative Program offering.

Last year's Season of Prayer

ley, student director. He also introduced Joseph J. Lowrey, the only one living of the eleven children of General Mark Perrin Lowrey, founder of the College.

Every southern state but Oklahoma is represented in the student body, several foreign countries, and Hawaii, and most of the counties of Mississippi.

India Restricts New Missionaries

NEW DELHI —(RNS)— India's new policy restricting foreign missionaries is set forth in the latest issue of the government yearbook published here.

The yearbook states that the issuance of visas to foreign missionaries will be governed by two considerations:

1. No new missionaries will be permitted to enter India, either as replacements or additional members of missions, unless Indian missionaries are not available to fill the positions.

2. While foreign missionaries already in India will be allowed to carry on their present activity, new missionaries will not be welcome if they plan to devote themselves entirely to the propagation of the gospel. They should, in addition, have suitable qualifications as educators or social workers.

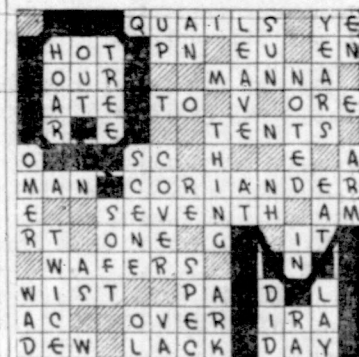
Missionaries from British Commonwealth countries will hereafter be required to obtain Indian government endorsement of their passports for entry into India. This rule has been added to the passport regulations to ensure that missionaries from Commonwealth countries comply with the new measures.

offering was \$49,035.39.

Most of the W. M. U. organizations over the state will participate in next week's program.

The emphasis this year is being promoted by a committee of which Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, is chairman.

Puzzle Answers



World Missions Program "Staggers Imagination"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — It's a lot easier these days to see the whole world in your mind's eye than it used to be. And, according to Southern Baptist Convention President C. C. Warren, it's time to see the world in your mind's eye as ripe for telling its billions of people about Christ.

Warren has recently returned from a tour of several foreign countries, a tour he made after attending the Baptist World Congress in London.

"We ought to set apart a year to pray and read the Bible," Warren implored in an impromptu heart-to-heart talk to members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

"Then, we'll be ready for our World Missions Year," he remarked. The World Missions Year is set for 1957.

In Warren's opinion, winning the world for Christ "should be

the greatest thing Southern Baptists have ever undertaken."

Others Interested, Too

He echoed the words of Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, in saying "We've got to have 1,700 missionaries in a lot quicker time than 17 years!"

This world missions program "staggers the imagination," he said impassionedly.

"I've talked with Theodore Adams (the new president of the Baptist World Alliance) and it's on his heart, too," Warren said.

"After I addressed the American Baptist Convention in its meeting in Atlantic City (N. J.) last June, scores of people came to me to say, 'Let's get together to win the world for Christ,'" Warren told the Executive Committee in urging renewed zeal in world missions.



Miss Olga Hagler

Shown above is Miss Olga Hagler, a senior at William Carey College, who is the new secretary and recreational director for the Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg. Olga is an honor student at Carey and is active in campus life. In 1951 she was voted the outstanding girl of the city of Hattiesburg. Rev. R. Elmer Nielsen is pastor of the Immanuel Church.

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Shown above is Rev. Harold O'Chester, pastor of Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, with a group of candidates for baptism. They were baptized in the pool of the First Church, Biloxi.

Church Conference For The Blind Held At Southern Seminary

(Editor's Note: The following article is an eye-witness account of the third annual meeting of the National Church Conference for the blind as told by George R. Jewell, associate editor of the Western Recorder.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The third meeting of the National Church Conference for the blind was held recently on the campus of Southern Seminary. One hundred and seven registered from 23 states.

The entire group is made up of blind people, except for a few persons present to assist and guide the blind. The blind people themselves did the talking, the singing, the preaching, and participated in solo, duet, quartette and chorus numbers.

This annual conclave is the outgrowth of work of Edwin Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas, editor of The Braille Evangel, which agency is now in its ninth year and is serving 8,000 Braille readers. Mr. Wilson presides at most of the sessions, or sees to it that someone competent is in the moderator's chair.

They use a Braille hymnal, Words of Life, which was used for the first time in this conference.

As soon as they were dismissed with prayer, the people stood up to go, when out sprang a number of seeing-eye dogs, accompanying some of the guests. The dogs had been so quiet throughout the entire two-hour program that no one suspected they were around.

Still another unpredictable surprise came on the last night when a beautiful film of last year's National Conference for the Blind in Memphis was being shown. Everything was quiet except for the running vocal script accompaniment for the film. Suddenly, a seeing-eye dog forgot his good manners and let out with a loud bark. The dog had seen the image of another dog on the screen, and his natural instinct asserted itself before the owner could give him a quiet pat on the head and get him to lie down again. The animal was so completely carried away by the realism of the film that he did not understand that the picture was only a shadow.

Attending such a conference presents the visitor with a constantly opening and ever-widening realization that here are

people with many and varied talents. Many of them long for fuller opportunities for Christian service.

The conference is not a convention, in the generally accepted sense. Nor is it intended to set up another denomination composed wholly of blind people. The blind will continue to belong to their own local churches back home where they live. But this conference will once a year bring them into this informal gathering for a discussion of their mutual problems, voicing their successes in overcoming of handicaps and bearing the burdens of each other, and sharing sympathy and consolation. They preach, they teach, they testify, they sing. There is an effort to do in their own way the same things the rest of us do in the regular routine of our church programs. They want to share in evangelistic, educational and missionary understandings, as active participants in the Great Commission and reaching the "whosoever will."

The 1956 meeting will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, at the headquarters of the Braille Evangel.

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The College Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion held its twenty-eighth annual meeting at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 30-31, 1955. The membership of the association is composed of teachers of religion in the Baptist colleges and universities in the area of the Southern Baptist Convention. New officers of the association, elected at the meeting, are: Professor E. C. Masden, Professor of Religion at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., President; Dr. P. D. Browne, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Vice President; and Dr. Joe M. King, Assistant Professor of Religion at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Secretary-Treasurer.

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Rev. Wilbur E. Ray, associational missionary for Lamar and Marion Associations in Alabama, was killed in an automobile collision near Caledonia, Mississippi. His wife and baby daughter were injured critically.

If I Were A Rural Pastor

By CARL A. CLARK

If I were a rural pastor I would make every effort possible to get all the training I could through our schools and through in-service training. However, I would not allow myself to be handicapped by an inferiority complex because of any unavoidable lack of training. I would lift up my shoulders, thank God that He had called me into a task so tremendous, and offset and disadvantages through seminary correspondence study or seminary extension centers, and through personal devotion to duty.

THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

If I were a rural pastor I would ask God to let me serve at the most only four or five churches in a life time. With a one or two-year pastorate a man only makes a beginning. The men who have stayed from five to ten years are the ones who have built most successfully. I realize God many times moves a pastor more often than this. Yet I would ask if it pleased

Him to let me stay longer that I might dig deeper and leave more permanent fruit. I would remind myself frequently that no man whose heart yearns for a city pastorate can warm a farmer's heart.

No man can pastor a rural church and hold himself aloof from their problems and crises. I would seek to live with my people in their fields, pastures, and barns, and thus identify myself with their good or ill fortune.

THE PASTOR AND HIS COMMUNITY

If I were a rural pastor, I would constantly observe and

study the psychological patterns of rural living and mold my ministry to fit into these trends. Simply because rural people have new cars, nice homes, television, and electricity, they are not thereby urbanized. Rural people still think, live, and act differently from urban people.

Rural living today has many advantages over urban living. People are beginning to realize this more and more, but implications have been made that rural life is entirely undesirable. I would so guard my heart and mind that I would not succumb to this subtle tendency. To offset it I would magnify the spiritual quality of rural living and would so honor rural life that the people themselves would be proud of their mode of living.

If I were a rural pastor, I would keep in closest touch with my county agent and all the others who work with farm people and would do my best to utilize what they have to offer to strengthen my people in their occupations.

THE PASTOR AND RURAL FAMILIES

I would labor to build strong rural homes and by this means build a stronger church. Rural people have more children than city people, and rural families are usually more closely knit than city families. I would utilize this natural characteristic to build a stronger framework of society.

I would attempt to develop a depth ministry, by which I mean a strong spiritual influence with a few people and not worry about not having a flitting touch with the thousands.



Let's make
**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**
a church night
for the
whole family!

THE PASTOR AND RURAL YOUTH

I would major on ministering to my young people and attempt to understand their problems in all areas and strive to make my church the focal point of their primary interests. I would seek to tie the young people of the community on to God through the activities of my church. I would realize that at least 70 per cent of my young people will soon migrate to the city. I would make every possible effort to train them for church responsibilities after they moved to the city. I would seek to orientate them into city living before they left the country so that on leaving they would take their church letters with them and continue active responsibility in some city church.

For those who can stay in the rural areas, I would strive to counsel with them in business and economic matters and develop means for enabling more youth to stay in the country. I would realize that only as young people live in the country and rear their families there would my church have hope for the future.

If I were a rural pastor, I would seek to challenge my youth to the greatest possible Christian dedication, knowing that the majority of our Southern Baptist pastors and missionaries have come from rural churches.